

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



Welcome back everyone from what I hope has been a lovely summer holiday for you all. I'm sure you were ready for the children to return, we were too. We're so excited to have everyone, including our fantastic new Y7s in the building. We've welcomed everyone this week and introduced them to the new classrooms and to some of new movement rules.

New and existing staff have been blown away by how positive, focused and happy the children are. Can I say a huge thank you to you all for ensuring that the children have got the correct uniform and correct equipment. They are quite possibly the smartest set of children I have ever worked with.

There are not many photos this week for obvious reasons, but please watch this space for the sharing of photos and successes. If you are not already following us on twitter and Facebook, please do as we share lots of celebrations, successes and photos via social media. We are so proud of everyone's achievements and love sharing them.

Please remember to let us know if you do not give permission to put photos of your children on social media.

## **Travel Plan**

Now that we have the extra buildings and the extra year group, we have been working with the DfE and Barnsley Council to try and ensure we promote as much green travel as possible. Please see the link below to our Travel Plan and children will all be bringing home a postcard with details next week. I know pick up and drop off times are challenging, so where possible please encourage children to walk and catch the bus. Where this not possible, please observe the rules of the car park on County Way and avoid picking up and stopping on Eastgate.

To view the Travel Plan please click this link <https://rsktravelplans.my.canva.site/tase-tip>

## **Fair banding**

For parents of Y6 students, please remember we operate a Fair Banding Assessment and the deadline for registering your child for this is Friday 15th September. We will be visiting a large number of primary schools to allow children to sit the assessment there. If we don't visit your child's school you can attend on Saturday 7th October – more details will follow via email once you've registered and on our social media. You can register your child for the fair banding assessment by completing the form in the link that can be found on the TASE website

<https://stedwards.trinitymat.org/about-us/admissions-prospectus/>

## Open Evening

Our Open Evening for Y6 students who wish to join us in September 2024 will take place on Thursday 14th September from 5-8pm. I envisage it being a very busy night and I will do two presentations in the evening at 5:15pm and 6:15pm. Every department in the school will have events happening and we will have current students acting as guides and helping out. Letters will soon be going out to the parents of students who we would like to help on the evening. If you receive a letter please could you complete the Microsoft Forms consent link at your earliest convenience so that they can help on the night. I look forward to maybe seeing some of you there for younger siblings. We certainly love celebrating and demonstrating the excellence of our school.

## Year 7 Settling-in Evening

The Year 7 Settling-in Evening will be held on Thursday 21st September between 3:30-6pm. This is where parents can meet with your child's form tutor to discuss how they've settled in and to discuss any issues. We will be sending out the information for how to book onto the evening next week. It will be face-to-face in our building. We look forward to seeing you all.

I have been thoroughly delighted with how everyone has returned and the focus the children continue to show. Year 7 have done themselves proud with how well they have settled and the maturity they have shown. What an addition to our #TeamTrinity family they are, and we loved giving them their 'Guard of Honour' on Monday.

Each week I'll send out one of these newsletters for you, I trust they are useful to you. Please remember to get in touch via contactus if you have any issues. I'll leave you with a lovely photo that I tweeted of 7LWR earlier this week, showing pride in their new school and displaying the happiness I want all children to feel each day.



## Dates for your diary/upcoming events

- Tuesday 12th September – First Y7/8 INVOLVE – they finish at 3:45pm
- Wednesday 13th September – First Y9 INVOLVE – they finish at 3:45pm
- Thursday 14th September – Open Evening 5-8pm
- Friday 15th September – Fair banding registration closes